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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NALAWADI ET AL.

Examiner

A Elamin

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-12,14-18 and 20-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-12,14-18 and 20-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims *1, 3-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-23 and 27-28*, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogura et al, US. Pat. No. 5,991,197.

3. Claims *1, 18, 23 and 28*, Ogura teaches an apparatus, comprising:

a revision identification register that allows modification of the revision identification register contents [*memory block 1b of Fig. 1, col. 6, lines 12-15*]; and

a revision identification modification [*register Lock bit LBb 2b of Fig. 1*], the revision identification modification register allowing modification of the revision identification registers contents when indicated by the contents of the revision identification modification register [*col. 6, lines 30-38*].

4. Claims *3-5 and 20-22*, Ogura teaches the revision identification modification register includes a single bit, the state of the bit indicating whether the contents of the revision identification register are currently modifiable [*col. 6, lines 30-38*].

5. Claims *6, 9, 12, 15 and 27*, Ogura teaches determining whether to modify a value stored in a revision identification register [*col. 7, lines 1-8*].

6. Claims *8, 10-11, 14 and 16-17*, Ogura teaches placing a value in the revision identification modification register that indicates that the revision identification register will not

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accept writes, the placing a value in the revision identification modification register occurring following replacing the current revision identification value with a revision identification value that indicates the first device stepping [*col. 13, lines 18-23*].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 24-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogura et al, US. Pat. No. 5,991,197.

9. Claim 24, Ogura fails to teach the system logic device comprises a chipset.

Official Notice is taken that both the concept and the advantages of chipset is old and well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Ogura to include a chipset, because it reduces extraneous circuitry in a computer system.

10. Claim 25-26, Ogura fails to teach the chipset comprises an input/output (I/O) controller hub.

However, I/O controller hub is a popular/common component used within many differing types of systems.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Ogura to include an input/output (I/O) controller hub, because provides direct connections to many I/O devices.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,3-6, 8-18, 20-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A Elamin whose telephone number is (571) 272-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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